

**REMARKS**

Applicants file this continuation application based on co-pending patent application Serial No. 09/432,343, filed November 2, 1999 (the "parent application").

Applicants amend the specification to revise the "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" section inserting the proper claim for priority and serial number of the parent application. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by this amendment.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

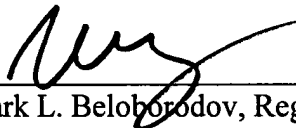
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